



\*Showcase Information Packet - Please read carefully and thoroughly\*

**Forte Dance & Twirl Studio - 2024 Showcase**

**Date:** Sunday, May 12, 2024

**Location:** Lassiter Concert Hall  
2601 Shallowford Road  
Marietta, GA 30066

**Studio phone number** (best for day-of contact): 404-913-4840

**Studio email** (best for questions ahead of Showcase): [hello@fortedancetwirl.com](mailto:hello@fortedancetwirl.com)

**Link to packet online + ticket website:** <https://www.fortedancetwirl.com/showcase2024.html>

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We're so excited to step back in time and groove to the rhythm of the flower power filled 70's at the Forte Showcase! Get ready to be transported to an era of disco balls, psychedelic colors and groovy beats as our talented dancers and twirlers bring the spirit of the seventies to life on stage. This packet will serve as your itinerary filled with all the very important details for your dancer's and twirler's performance(s). Please take time to read and save this as a reference tool as we lead up to your dancer's big day!

### **Venue & Parking**

This year our Showcase will be held at Lassiter Concert Hall (2601 Shallowford Rd, Marietta, GA 30066).



The show will kick off on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 4 p.m. and conclude at approximately 5 p.m.

**Performers are required to arrive no later than 2 p.m. with their hair and makeup done.**

More details are on page 4.

Parking is free. You are welcome to park in the parking lot outside of Lassiter Concert Hall.



### Timeline

Drop-off time is 2 p.m. for ALL classes. All students should be dropped off having eaten lunch already.

Dancer Drop-Off	2:00 PM
Dress Rehearsal	2:30 - 3:30 PM
Doors Open	3:30 PM
Show Time!	4:00 PM

Students will need to be dropped off at 2 p.m. with full hair and makeup done and in their costume (more details on page 4). Forte staff will greet your dancer in the lobby to check them in and then walk them to their waiting room backstage. Parents, you will need to exit the venue and then return before show time when doors open. We cannot have guests in the lobby/concert hall during rehearsal.

All dancers will be with Forte staff **at all times**. Additionally, we will have designated staff members assigned to each class inside the waiting rooms backstage. Dancers will be monitored at all times and escorted by at least one adult.

Once all dancers have arrived and settled, we will have a dress rehearsal on stage prior to show time.

Doors open for ticketed guests at 3:30 p.m.! There is plenty of seating in the concert hall, so there are no assigned seats. The show will begin promptly at 4 p.m. We will not have an intermission. The show will conclude by 5 p.m.

After the show, we will check dancers out with their parents. Any dancer ages 10+ will be dismissed from the stage. Any dancer ages 4-9 years old will be dismissed from the lobby. **Dancers will only be released to parents and need to be checked out.**

Dancers will not be allowed to sit with family in the audience after their performance. Additionally, no dancer may be dismissed early from the show.



### **Costumes, Hair and Makeup**

All dancers have received their costume(s) from the studio. Along with their costume, each dancer received a pair of tights and a hair accessory. Please make sure your dancer comes dressed in their tights and costume with hair and makeup done. Don't forget your dance shoes! Dancers can wear sneakers or other shoes into the concert hall. See page 6 for a checklist of what to bring.

#### *Hair*

We have two hairstyles for our Showcase, both buns. Your hairstyle is determined by your dancer's age and is also listed on their costume description in their garment bag.

#### **Ages 4-9: High straight back bun (also known as a Ballet Bun)**



There are lots of great YouTube tutorials for this hairstyle! Here are links to some that we recommend: [Ballet Bun for All Hair Types](#); [Ballet Bun for Natural Hair](#); [Ballet Bun for Fine Hair](#).



## Ages 10+: Middle part low bun



There are some great YouTube tutorials for this hairstyle too. Here is a video we recommend: [Middle Part Low Bun](#)

### *Makeup*

Makeup is recommended but not required! The lights on the stage are very bright, and the concert hall is large. Makeup helps their beautiful faces to not be washed out by the lights and to better stand out on stage.

For the younger dancers, we suggest blush, mascara and lipstick/lip gloss. The older dancers should wear blush, lipstick and eye makeup. All dancers should look their best for the big day!

Again, YouTube has some great recital makeup tutorials. Here are some we recommend: [Makeup for Little Girl](#); [Makeup for Big Girl](#).



### **Dancer Checklist**

Please send any items with your dancer packed neatly in a small dance bag and/or backpack. Do not send extra stuffed animals, blankets, etc. Backstage is busy and we need everyone to keep their items organized and neat. Thank you!

Garment bags for costumes in addition to a dance bag are welcome! There will be rolling racks to hang garment bags on in the waiting rooms for costume changes. That is the preferred method if your dancer is in more than one performance. **All dancers should arrive in a costume** - see the Show Order on the next page to see which costume you should arrive in first if you are in more than one dance.

- Costume(s) and appropriate tights
- Dance shoes
- Baton(s)
- Jacket/cover up
- Water bottle (nothing other than water please!)
- Snack
- Hair items (brush, hairspray, hair ties, bobby pins)
- Make-up (if desired - *not* required for any of our classes)
- Book/tablet (if desired) - there will be some down time for classes between rehearsals.

**Forte is not liable for anything that gets lost/damaged.**





## **Show Order**

See below for our show order. If your child has a costume change, Forte staff will assist with the change backstage if needed. Parents are not allowed backstage during the show. If you have any questions or concerns, please check in with Coach Colleen.

- 1. Majorette Skills - Coach Colleen**  
*Paige Gaudet, Katie Sanio, Mia Reid, Braelyn Spanier, Audrey Levesque*
- 2. Ballet Ages 6-9 - Ms. Chrissy**  
*Reagan Simmons, Allivia Edwards, Mila Luke, Chloe Mason, Jocey Smolar, Emberlynn Wood, Sabrina Ozkan*
- 3. Baton Ages 6-9 - Coach Colleen**  
*Lilly DeLuca, Tamzen Keller, Anna Grace Kidd, Eva Sau*
- 4. Acro 5 - Ms. Priya**  
*Hollis Holmes, Mary Matt Pierson, Sarah Grace Homer, Maisie Ward*
- 5. Performance Team - Coach Colleen**  
*Kyndal Dukes, Kailey Gaudet, Celia Heydt, Catherine Kelly, Tess Sauve, Sibby Ward, Braelyn Spanier, Audrey Levesque, Olivia Gorney*
- 6. Jazz Ages 6-9 - Ms. Ryan**  
*Allivia Edwards, Mila Luke, Chloe Mason, Jocey Smolar, Emberlynn Wood, Sabrina Ozkan, Dominick Edwards, Aya Sumner*
- 7. Twirl & Tumble - Coach Colleen and Ms. Hollis**  
*Paisley Noble, Cullen Wood, Dahlia Medlock, Kensey Eick, Porter Eick*
- 8. Jazz Ages 10+ - Ms. Ryan**  
*Braelyn Spanier, Celia Heydt, Anna Beth Pumphrey*
- 9. Baton Ages 9-13 - Coach Colleen**  
*Maisie Ward, Betsy Ward, Maison Rixey, Morgan Brennan*
- 10. Tutu Tots - Ms. Chrissy and Ms. Kaylynn**  
*Sophie Pover, Elena Delash, Simone Shokpeka, Ava Simons, Dakota Hanna, Alexis Matthews, Octavia Faivre, Brenna Poole, Brielle Poole, Raelyn Thompson*
- 11. Primary Competition Baton Team - Coach Colleen**  
*Allivia Edwards, Mila Luke, Chloe Mason, Jocey Smolar, Emberlynn Wood, Sabrina Ozkan*
- 12. Junior Competition Baton Team - Coach Colleen**  
*Susan Otts, Hollis Holmes, Sarah Grace Homer, Kinsley Goodman, Karley Crump, Mary Matt Pierson*
- 13. Presentation**  
*All students!*



### **Tickets**

Tickets for our Showcase are available online at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/99761637/forte-year-end-showcase>. On the day of the event at the front door, you must have your ticket pulled up or a printed barcode. As a reminder, each dancer received **four tickets**. Each family was emailed a unique code to redeem their tickets. If you have any questions or need help finding the email, please email [clay@fortedancetwirl.com](mailto:clay@fortedancetwirl.com) before the day of show.

We also ask that you consider our dancers and other audience members when bringing young children to watch. For some dancers this may be their first time on stage and we want to minimize distractions for performers. Please step into the lobby to reset if needed before heading back in to enjoy the show.

### **Flower Power Fun!**

In addition to the show, there will be lots of goodies and fun moments throughout the day!

Included in the Showcase package:

- **Showcase t-shirts:** Each performer will receive their Showcase t-shirt on the day of Showcase! They will wear this on stage during the Presentation at the end of the show.
- **Studio gift:** Each dancer will receive a SURPRISE gift from the studio during the finale!
- **Showcase video:** We will be filming our Showcase and will share this video free of charge with all participants after the performance. This will be shared via a YouTube link to all participants.

More flower power fun:

- **Photo station in lobby:** We're going to have a photo backdrop set up in the lobby of the venue for some fun photos! We would love for you to take photos of your dancer and tag us @fortedancetwirl. There will be plenty of time after the show to take as many photos as you'd like! During the performances we ask that there be **no** flash photography.
- **Name wall:** Every dancer will have their name displayed on a wall in the lobby as part of a groovy backdrop! After the show, dancers are welcome to take their name off the wall to take home with them.
- **Items for sale:** There will be a few goodies for sale in the lobby before and after the Showcase. Stop by our table to check out a limited supply of some special items, Forte merch and more! Payment will only be accepted via credit card (no Amex).
- **Questions about summer?** There will be a table set up with information about our [summer classes and camps](#). Stop by to see what we have to offer!





## **Studio Information**

**Post-Show we have one week of class left!** After Showcase, we still have one week of class to close out our dance season. Be sure to attend for a fun week of dance and surprises :)

**Summer session is around the corner!** Our summer classes run from May 28-July 25 (closed the Fourth of July week). We also have two fun summer camps, for ages 3-10 years old. Check out our options [here](#) or talk to your dancer's teacher/front desk at the studio!

**Registration for the 2024-2025 season!** Registration for next year begins Friday, May 10th through our website. Be sure to check out our class offerings for next year and talk with us about your dancer's recommendations. Class recommendations for next year will be sent out ahead of time.

### ***Thank You!***

This show is a huge undertaking and it wouldn't be possible without the support of our community. Thank you to the teachers who pour so much into their classes every week. Thank you to the parents who trust us to bring out the best in their child. And thank you to our dancers, who brighten the studio and make Forte what it is - a family. We appreciate each and every one of you.

See you there!  
*Colleen and Clay*